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Aberdeen, May, 1874.

TO THE MEMBERS
OF THE
ABERDEEN, BANFF, & KINCARDINE BRANCH
OF THE
British Medical Association.

GENTLEMEN,

At our Ordinary General Meeting, held on the 4th March, I read a Correspondence between myself and the Army Medical Department, &c., and was requested to get it printed that the Members might better understand the same. I submit the following Daily, Weekly, and Monthly Duties :—

DAILY.

To be at Hospital by 9 A.M. in Summer, 10 A.M. in Winter, and be always ready to Calls night or day.

A. M. Regulations, page 36, par. 17.

Inspect prisoners prior to being brought before the Commanding Officer; examine prisoners previous to their commitment to the Cells; and Sign Certificate as to Fitness to undergo punishment awarded.

A. M. Regulations, page 37, par. 17. Queen's Regulations, p. 15, par. 799.

Examine and prescribe for men, women, and children, reporting themselves sick. Admit any man into Hospital whose case requires a course of treatment. Cases admitted to be entered in Admission and Discharge Book, Case Book, Medical History Sheets, or Venereal Register, as the case may be; also on Diet Roll and Bed-head Tickets.

A. M. Regulations, pages 53 and 54, Sections 12 and 13, pars. 1, 2, and 3, and page 37, par. 16; page 51, par. 13.

All Sick Officers, and Sick Women and Children, to be entered in the Admission and Discharge Books, Case Books, for entry in the Weekly States and Annual Returns.

A. M. Regulations, page 35, section xv., paragraph 1.

Inspect Pensioners sent to Hospital, and fill-up Certificates connected therewith for the information and guidance of the Chelsea Commissioners.

A. M. Regulations, page 54, section xiv., paragraph 1.

Visit Hospital morning and evening. Prescribe for those that may require. Mark up Diets, Extras, Drinks, &c. Initial Bed-head Tickets. Sign Requisitions. Inspect Meat, Bread, &c., brought to Hospital. Responsible for the Cleanliness of the Hospital, and for the Regularity of the Hospital Attendants.

A. M. Regulations, page 51, par. 14 ; page 51, par. 13.

Dispense all Medicines. Keep up a daily Extract of the Expenditure of Medicines, Medical Stores, &c. (except where a Compounder of the Army Medical Corps is allowed for this duty).

*** None allowed at this Station.

To send a Morning State of Sick to the Officer Commanding, showing number of Sick in Hospital, and those returned to Duty. Keep up Correspondence concerning the Hospital with the Military Authorities. Copies of Correspondence to be entered in the Letter Book.

Queen's Regulations, page 175, par. 471. A. M. Regulations, page 97, par. 7.

All matters—Inspections, &c., and any particular event occurring during the day must be noted in the Hospital Diary.

A. M. Regulations, page 91, par. 7.

Examine Recruits brought for the different Corps of the Army, report upon their Fitness for Service, or otherwise ; enter Recruits into the Recruit Register ; responsible for the entries, &c., therein.

A. M. Regulations, page 78, par. 2.

Enter men of other Corps Treated, into the Admission Book, Case Book, Certificate Book, and forward the Certificates to the Surgeons of the Regiments the men belong to on their Discharge from Hospital.

A. M. Regulations, page 55, par. 4.

Inspect the Cells in Barracks, Ablution Rooms, Urinals, &c., Ash-pits, Cook-houses, Guard-rooms, Supplies of Water, &c.

A. M. Regulations, page 80, par. 21.

Visit Sick Officers on Furlough, Sick Women and Children in their Quarters unable to attend at the Hospital ; Prescribe for the Staff and Recruiting Parties attached to the Garrison.

A. M. Regulations, page 54, par. 3 ; pages 37 and 38, par. 21.

Previously to commencing the Course a Strict Medical Examination is to be made of each man ; and Measurements (to be repeated at the end of the Course, or when he takes his place in the Ranks) are to be taken according to the Rules laid down.

Instructions for Gymnastic Exercise, page 1, par. 2 ; page 8, par. 1 ; page 5, par. 16.

Medical Officers shall watch the Gymnastic Exercises ; accordingly a Medical Inspection of the Recruits is to be made at the Gymnasium once a Fortnight, and of the Trained Soldiers once a Month.

A. M. Regulations, Section xx., page 79, par. 7.

The time taken up in performing these duties, on an average, is from three to four hours a day.

W E E K L Y.

Make Abstract, in manuscript, showing the Sick in Hospital and the Strength of the Troops of the Garrison, &c., for the Principal Medical Officer at Edinburgh.

P. M. O. District Order.

Make Three Returns of Sick in Hospital, showing the cases Remained, Admitted, Discharged, Died, Remaining, &c., for the Army Medical Department.

A. M. Regulations, par. 1, pages 92 and 93.

Sign Fuel Returns connected with the Hospital.

W. O. F. 1417 Control Regulations.

Inspect the men of the Garrison to detect Infectious and Contagious Disease, &c. Attend Sanitary Inspections with Commanding Officer. Inspect the Mens' Barrack Rooms, Married Peoples' Quarters, &c.

A. M. Regulations, page 78, par. 3 ; page 78, par. 5.

Vaccinate, or Re-Vaccinate, Recruits that have joined during the week; Women and Children requiring the same. Cases of Vaccination to be entered in the Vaccination and Small-pox Register.

A. M. Regulations, page 78, par. 4.

MONTHLY.

Examine and Sign Diet Roll.

A. M. Regulations, page 51, par. 14.

Fill up Returns of Army Hospital Corps, and Report upon their Fitness, Conduct, and Character.

War Office Form, 1012.

Fill up Returns of Regimental Orderlies employed, and Report upon their Fitness, Conduct, and Character.

War Office Form, 1014.

Fill up Returns of Patient's Personal Washing, &c.

A. M. Regulations, page 69, par. 6.

Fill up and Sign Returns of Extras issued to Sick Women and Children.

War Office Form, 1199.

Fill up and Sign Three Sanitary Reports.

A. M. Regulations, page 93, par. 2.

Fill up and Sign Returns of Recruits Inspected, Rejected, and found Fit.

War Office Form, 3.

Fill up Returns of the Distribution of Troops, with Barrack and Hospital Accommodation.

War Office Form, 464.

Fill up and Sign all Bed-head Tickets used by Patients.

War Office Form, 1145.

Fill up Returns showing the Expenditure of Money for Postage, &c.

A. M. Regulations, page 97, par. 5.

Examine and Sign Returns of Soap, Soda, Pipeclay, &c., used in Hospital.

War Office Form, 1117.

Examine and Sign Abstract of Medicines, Materials, &c., expended from Hospital Stores, &c. &c.

War Office Form, 630.

Fill up Returns of Men, Women, and Children Vaccinated.

War Office Form, 1118.

EXTRACTS.

Extract from Army Medical Regulations, paragraph 21, page 37.

WHEN a Detachment is without a Regimental Assistant-Surgeon, and is not within the reach of any Military Medical Officer, a Private Practitioner may be engaged by the Commanding Officer of the Detachment at

the under-mentioned rates for each person belonging to the Detachment, including any Recruiting or other Military parties on the same Station, viz.:—

2d.	If he supply Medicine.	If he do not supply Medicine.
		1½d. per week for each person up to 50 inclusive.
1½d.		1d. per week for each person above 50.

Extract from the Queen's Regulations and Orders for the British Army for 1868, pages 368-369, paragraph 1097.

OFFICERS Commanding Detachments, not having any Medical Officers attached to them, are, immediately on their arrival at their Stations, to enquire whether there is any means of obtaining Medical Assistance from a Military Staff Officer or from a Medical Officer of Militia in the vicinity. It is only in cases where such aid cannot be obtained that they are to have recourse to Civil Practitioners, and then a Special Report is to be made to the Officer Commanding the Regiment, and by him transmitted to the Director-General of the Army Medical Department.

P A Y.

Surgeon-Major's Pay on Appointment.....	20s. 0d. a-day.
,, ,, after 20 years' service.....	24s. 0d. ,,
,, ,, 25 ,, ,, ,,.....	27s. 0d. ,,

Surgeon on Appointment..	10s. 0d. a-day.
,, ,, after 6 years' service.....	12s. 6d. ,,
,, ,, 10 ,, ,, ,,.....	15s. 0d. ,,
,, ,, R. W., 1873, March.	

Militia Surgeon-Major's Pay a-day during the training time is.....	17s. 6d.
Surgeon's Pay is.....	10s. 0d.

FIRST CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter 170.
73.

MILITARY HOSPITAL,
ABERDEEN, 13th October, 1873.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you that I have this day handed over the medical charge of the 56th Brigade Depot and Detachment 78th, to Dr. Macquibban, Assistant-Surgeon, Aberdeenshire Militia, who is willing to retain this charge till the arrival of my successor. The usual transfer documents have been made out, and will be sent away to-morrow.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN GRANT.
Surgeon-Major, Army Medical Department.

The Principal Medical Officer,
The Castle, Edinburgh.

248 UNION STREET,
ABERDEEN, 8th December, 1873.

DEAR SIR,

As I have difficulty in getting my Regimental pay for my late services, would you please to send me the letter, or a copy of it, that you got from the Principal Medical Officer, Edinburgh, requesting me to do duty for you; if you have destroyed it, perhaps you will remember what was in it.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

C. M. MACQUIBBAN.

J. G. Grant, Esq., Surgeon-Major,
The Post Office, Bombay.

ADEN HOSPITAL, 19th January, 1874.

DEAR SIR,

I have much pleasure in sending you Dr. Elliot's letter to me in regard to obtaining medical aid for the Depot at Aberdeen, on my late departure to India, which I hope will answer your purpose.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN GRANT.

Dr. Macquibban,
248 Union Street, Aberdeen.

PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER'S OFFICE,
EDINBURGH, 11th October, 1873.

SIR,

I beg to inform you that I received the undermentioned Telegram from the Quarter-Master-General, Horse Guards, War Office:—"Surgeon-Major Grant is to embark at Portsmouth for Bombay on 15th inst., in 'Jumna'; if not at Edinburgh, report by Telegram his present address."

I replied—"Surgeon-Major Grant is at Aberdeen. I have sent your Telegram to me on to him by Telegram."

I forwarded, as you are aware, the greater part of the Telegram to you, including the word "Jumna," which applies to your embarkation.

I suppose you will leave on Monday, 13th inst. Make some arrangements for the care of the troops. I am only waiting to learn if the Director-General is about to send any one there, if not, I shall send Johnston there, but do not wish to do so at once if he is likely to be superseded again shortly. Explain this to Colonel Dawson from me. Send me a Telegram at once, if you have any difficulty in getting any one to do the duty.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. C. ELLIOT.

Deputy Surgeon-General.

Surgeon-Major Grant,
In Medical Charge of Troops, Aberdeen Barracks.

248 UNION STREET,
ABERDEEN, 4th February, 1874.

DEAR SIR,

Yours of 19th January, 1874, to hand, in answer to mine of 8th December, 1873. I beg to thank you for sending me Dr. R. C. Elliot's letter, which I herewith return. I may state that I am still unable to ob-

tain my Regimental Surgeon's pay for the duties I performed for upwards of a month. They offered me £4 16s. 4d., but of course that sum would never pay me for the duties I had to do. When I took over the charge I distinctly understood that I was to get the ordinary Regimental Surgeon's pay so long as I remained on duty. I decline to take such a paltry sum; it is really too bad of them to offer me such.

I am, yours faithfully,
C. M. MACQUIBBAN.

John Grant, Esq., Surgeon-Major,
In Medical Charge, Sanatarium, Aden.

248 UNION STREET,
ABERDEEN, 15th November, 1873.

SIR,

I have the honour to request that you may be pleased to forward instructions to enable me to know through what channel I must apply for Regimental pay for my late medical charge and attendance on the Troops, &c., of the 56th Brigade Depot, stationed here from the 13th October to 10th November, 1874, both days inclusive.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
C. M. MACQUIBBAN.

To the Principal Medical Officer, &c.,
Edinburgh.

PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER'S OFFICE,
EDINBURGH, 17th November, 1873.

MEMORANDUM.

The Bill for attendance on the 56th Brigade Depot for the period specified should be made out on the accompanying Forms (charging the rate stated at the bottom of the Bill). The Certificate signed by the Officer Commanding the Brigade Depot and forwarded to the Director-General Army Medical Department (in duplicate) for Approval and Return.

The amount will be paid by the Control Paymaster of the District on receipt of the above return.

R. C. ELLIOT,
Deputy Surgeon-General, P. M. O.

PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER'S OFFICE,
EDINBURGH, 18th November, 1873.

SIR,

With reference to your recent temporary medical charge of the 56th Brigade Depot at Aberdeen to the 10th instant, I have the honour to express to you my satisfaction at the manner in which the medical duties were carried out during that period, and to thank you for the ready and willing aid you lent me at a time of emergency.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
R. C. ELLIOT,
Deputy Surgeon-General,
P. M. O., N. B.

C. M. Macquibban, Esq.,
Assistant-Surgeon, Royal Aberdeen Militia,
Union Street, Aberdeen.

248 UNION STREET,
ABERDEEN, 18th November, 1873.

SIR,

In reply to your Memo. of the 17th instant, enclosing Blank Forms to fill up for private practitioner's pay for attending the Troops at Aberdeen; I consider myself entitled to Regimental Surgeon's pay, considering the charge and duties I had to perform, and beg to wait your further instructions before filling up the Forms received.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. M. MACQUIBBAN,
Surgeon, Royal Aberdeenshire Highlanders.

To the Principal Medical Officer, &c.,
The Castle, Edinburgh.

PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER'S OFFICE,
EDINBURGH, 20th November, 1873.

SIR,

With reference to previous correspondence regarding your payment for the medical charge of the Troops at Aberdeen.

I have the honour to inform you that regulated allowance to medical men in charge of Troops without an Army Medical Officer, is 1d. per week for each person if the number exceeds 50, and 1½d. if under that number, and not supplying medicines.

I regret that under these circumstances and previous experience in similar cases, I am unable to recommend you for the pay of Regimental Surgeon.

The number of persons charged should include the whole of the officers, men, women, and children of the troops at Aberdeen, Torry Point, and Beach Battery, as well as any Staff attached to the Brigade Depot.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. C. ELLIOT,
Deputy Surgeon-General, P. M. O.

C. M. Macquibban, Esq., Surgeon, &c.
248 Union Street, Aberdeen.

56TH BRIGADE DEPOT AT ABERDEEN.

To SURGEON C. M. MACQUIBBAN, ABERDEEN,

Dr.

For Medicines and Attendance, as expressed in the following Return, viz.:-

M.O. N. 154

PERIOD OF ATTENDANCE.		NUMBER OF		STRENGTH OF THE DETACHMENT.					Rate for each person per week.	AMOUNT.		
				Officers.	Men.	Women	Childn. under 14 years.	TOTAL.				
From	To	Weeks.	Days.									
13th October, 1873.	10th November, 1873.	4	1	11	148	45	50	254	50 at 1½d 204 at 1d	£	4	16
											4	4
TOTAL,											£	4
											16	4

I certify that the number of persons and the period of attendance above stated are correct, that the Sick were regularly attended by C. M.

Macquibban, Surgeon; the necessary Medicines being obtained from the Military Medicine Chest; and that there was no Military Medical Officer on the spot, or within a reasonable distance.

F. G. DAWSON,

Colonel Commanding 56th Brigade Depot.

Dated at Aberdeen, this 22nd Day of November, 1873.

Certified on the 2nd December, 1873.

W. RUTHERFORD,

D. I. G.

For the DIRECTOR-GENERAL A. M. DEPARTMENT,
WHITEHALL YARD, LONDON.

*RECEIVED from the.....of the.....Regiment of
.....the Sum of.....
in payment of the above account, dated at.....This day
of.....18.....

* Article 299 of the Pay Warrant states: when a Detachment of our Army shall be without a Surgeon or Assistant-Surgeon, and not within reach of any Military Medical Officer, a private practitioner may be engaged, by the Commanding Officer of the Detachment at the undermentioned weekly rates for each person belonging to the Detachment, including any other Military parties at the same Station.

	If Medicine supplied.	Without Medicine
For each person up to 50 inclusive,	2d.	1½d.
For each person over 50 in addition,	1½d.	1d.

All charges for these allowances are to be settled quarterly, if the practitioner shall have the Medical charge during the entire quarter, or immediately on the termination of the service, if during less than a quarter.

When the payment to a civilian amounts to two pounds or more, his receipt for the same is required to be given on duly stamped paper.

248 UNION STREET,
ABERDEEN, 9th December, 1873.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward to you my claims for regimental Surgeon's pay, as I am unable to obtain redress from any other military source. I entered on duty in charge of the 56th Brigade Depot and Detachment 78th, on the understanding that I did so as a Military Medical Officer, which understanding was borne out by the terms of the letter No. $\frac{170}{73}$, in letter book, of which I send you a copy intimating this to the Principal Medical Officer, Edinburgh. Under these circumstances I consider myself entitled to the usual pay of a Regimental Surgeon, and submit my claims accordingly for approval.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. M. MACQUIBBAN.
Surgeon, Royal Aberdeen Highlanders.

To His Royal Highness the Field-Marshal,
Commander-in-Chief, Horse Guards, War Office, London.

ABERDEEN, 9th December, 1873.

MEMORANDUM.

Forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Edinburgh, for the information of the Major-General commanding in North Britain, and his action thereon.

F. G. DAWSON,
Commanding 56th Brigade Depot.

(To be returned)

EDINBURGH, 20th December, 1873.

THE Major-General commanding considers that the decision herein appealed against is strictly in accordance with the regulations, and, as it has already been decided by the highest authority, declines to forward this communication. Dr. Macquibban merely acted as a civil practitioner, and was not, nor could he have been, ordered to duty by virtue of his appointment in the Militia.

By order,

G. J. PEACOCK,
Col. A. A. General.

ABERDEEN, 22nd December, 1873.

FORWARDED for the information of Dr. Macquibban to be returned for re-transmission to Edinburgh, as directed by Assistant Adjutant-General.

F. G. DAWSON,
Colonel Commanding 56th Brigade Depot.

248 UNION STREET,

ABERDEEN, 22nd November, 1873.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward the enclosed War Office Form in duplicate, No. 154, in compliance with instructions received from the principal medical officer of Edinburgh, and beg to append herewith the correspondence on the subject with the principal medical officer concerning my late medical charge of the Troops &c., at this Station, for your perusal and consideration. It would be very hard to expect a medical officer to take the entire medical charge of a Garrison, Forts, &c., and attend to all duties, night or day, whenever required, for a small sum of about four shillings per day.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. M. MACQUIBBAN,
Surgeon, Royal Aberdeen Highlanders.

The Director-General,
Army Medical Department, London.

ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
4th December, 1873.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter dated 22nd ultimo, and correspondence therein enclosed, with your claim for attendance on the 56th Brigade Depot, Aberdeen,

I have the honour to inform you in returning the bill approved for £4 16s. 4d., that I regret my inability to sanction a higher rate of remuneration than that authorized by the regulations of the service.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. G. LOGAN,
Director-General.

C. M. Macquibban, Esq., M.B., Surgeon,
Aberdeenshire Highlanders, Aberdeen.

248 UNION STREET,
ABERDEEN, 9th December, 1873.

SIR,

I have the honour to request that you may be pleased to place the enclosed correspondence before the officer commanding the 56th Brigade Depot, for the purpose of the same being forwarded, through the proper authorities, to His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commander-in-Chief for his approval.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. M. MACQUIBBAN,
Surgeon, Royal Aberdeenshire Highlanders.

The Adjutant, 56th Brigade Depot,
Barracks, Aberdeen.

248 UNION STREET,
ABERDEEN, 25th December, 1873.

SIR,

I have the honour to return you the correspondence.

And as the military authorities in North Britain have declined to forward my claims for Regimental Surgeon's pay as requested, I beg to state for your information, and to whom it may concern, that I have this day forwarded my claims direct to the Secretary of State for War for his consideration and approval, with copies attached of all former correspondence on the subject.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. M. MACQUIBBAN,
Surgeon, Royal Aberdeen Highlanders.

The Officer commanding 56th Brigade Depot,
Barracks, Aberdeen.

248 UNION STREET,
ABERDEEN, 25th December, 1873.

SIR,

As the military authorities of North Britain have declined to forward my claims for Regimental Surgeon's pay to His Royal Highness the Field Marshal, Commander-in-Chief,

I have the honour to submit my claims to you direct for your approval, and beg to append copies of all former correspondence on the subject.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. M. MACQUIBBAN.
Surgeon, Royal Aberdeenshire Highlanders.

The Secretary of State for War,
War Office, London, S.W.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT,
WAR OFFICE, 23rd January, 1874.

SIR,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ult., and to acquaint you in reply that he is unable to accede to your application for any higher pay than the established head-rate of remuneration for attending the troops at Aberdeen, between the 13th October and 10th November last, when you undertook that duty.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. S. HOOD,
Assistant Accountant-General.

To C. M. Macquibban, Esq., M.B., Surgeon,
248 Union Street, Aberdeen.

248 UNION STREET,
ABERDEEN, 31st January, 1874.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, No. ⁴⁶⁰⁹⁸₂, dated the 23rd inst., I have the honour to request that you may be pleased to cause the whole of the Correspondence relating to my claims for Regimental Surgeons' pay, and the War Office Form, No. 154, Private Medical Practitioners' pay (contract rates) thereto attached, which I forwarded to you, along with my claims, on the 25th ultimo; and I beg to state, for your information and whom it may concern, that, in consequence of my inability to get any redress from you or any of the other Military Authorities, I am now determined to lay a copy of the whole Correspondence before the British Medical Association for their consideration, prior to putting the matter before Parliament. I took up the duties when requested, at a time of emergency, with the distinct understanding that I was to receive my Regimental Surgeon's pay during the time I had sole Medical charge, &c., and for which I still consider myself justly entitled to, being an Army Medical Officer in the Royal Aberdeenshire Highland Militia, both now and at the time I took Medical charge of the Garrison at Aberdeen, for which I was offered the small sum of three or four shillings per day. Considering that I had all the duties to do, and had to Examine and Pass a number of Recruits for the Cavalry, Royal Artillery, Royal Marines, and several other corps; also, I had to re-vaccinate all Recruits, besides having to visit the families in the Forts on the sea coasts, and to attend to all sick women and children lying in John Street Barracks, which, in some cases, the distances are nearly two miles from Head Quarters, and, under these circumstances, I consider mine a special case.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. M. MACQUIBBAN,
Surgeon, Royal Aberdeenshire Highland Militia.

The Under-Secretary of State for War,
War Office, London.

LONDON, S.W., 16th February, 1874.

SIR,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, in which you ask that certain

documents, submitted by you to this Department, in support of your claim for Regimental Pay, whilst assuming Medical Charge of a Brigade Depot, should be returned to you, in order that the Correspondence may be laid before the British Medical Association and Parliament. In reply, I am to inform you that the Secretary of State declines to accede to your request, and at the same time desires me to express to you his disapproval of the improper tone in which your letter is worded.

I am also to observe that your correspondence should have been forwarded through your Commanding Officer.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. G. BULWER, Col.

A. A. General.

Surgeon Macquibban, Royal Aberdeenshire Highlanders Militia,
248 Union Street, Aberdeen, N.B.

248 UNION STREET,
ABERDEEN, 20th February, 1874.

SIR,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. ~~46998~~³, of the 16th inst., and, in reply to your remarks thereon, I have the honour to state that, by referring to the Correspondence which I enclosed to you on the 25th December, 1873, you will there see that I forwarded my claims through the Military Authorities, in the usual way, according to the Regulations of the Service, and it was only when the Military Authorities of North Britain declined to forward my claims to the War Office, as requested, that I took it upon myself to forward them direct to you, as I had no other means of bringing the matter to your notice. I may also state that I was employed by the orders of the principal Medical Officer of Edinburgh to take Medical Charge, and not by the Commanding Officer of the 56th Brigade Depot, and, under the circumstances, I consider I should be suitably remunerated for my services, and that the War Office Form, No. 154, signed by the Director-General of the Army Medical Department, attached to the late Correspondence, should be returned to me.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. M. MACQUIBBAN,
Surgeon, Royal Aberdeenshire Highland Militia.

The Under-Secretary of State for War,
War Office, Pall Mall, London, S.W.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY S. DEPARTMENT,
WAR OFFICE, 13th March, 1874.

SIR,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo, and to transmit to you the enclosed War Office Form, No. 154, as requested.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. S. HOOD,
Asst. Accountant General.

C. M. Macquibban, Esq., M.B.,
248 Union Street, Aberdeen.

SECOND CORRESPONDENCE

IMMEDIATE.

ABERDEEN, 1st December, 1873.

SIR,

Surgeon-Major Hassard having been placed on the Sick List, I am directed by the Officer commanding 56th Brigade Depot, to request that you will at once assume Medical Charge of the Troops at this Station.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. GORDON ALEXANDER,
Captain, 93rd Highlanders,
Acting-Adjt. 56th Brigade Depot.

Assist. Staff-Surgeon Macquibban,
Royal Aberdeenshire Highlanders, Aberdeen.

Copy of Telegram sent to Edinburgh on 1st December, 1873.

From Dr. C. Macquibban, | To Principal Medical Officer,
248 Union Street, Aberdeen. | The Castle, Edinburgh.
Dr. Hassard sick. Ordered by Commanding Officer to duty. Your
instructions as to that, and Regimental pay, requested at once.

PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER'S OFFICE,
EDINBURGH, 2nd December, 1873.

SIR,

In reply to your Telegram of yesterday's date, received at 7.50 P.M., I beg to state that, by page 37, chapter iii., par. 21, of the Army Medical Regulations, it is the duty of the Officer commanding at the Station, to engage Medical attendance for the Troops under his command, at the rates stated in the above mentioned Par., and that neither he nor the Principal Medical Officer have the power to change these Regulations.

But to prevent any mistake on the subject, I have had a Medical Officer of the Army Medical Department ordered to Aberdeen, for duty with the 56th Brigade Depot, during Surgeon-Major Hassard's illness.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. C. ELLIOT,
Deputy Surgeon-General, P. M. O.

C. M. Macquibban, Esq.,
Assistant-Surgeon Royal Aberdeen Highlanders,
248 Union Street, Aberdeen.

248 UNION STREET,
ABERDEEN, 17th March, 1874.

SIR,

I have the honour to state that I have received no payment for my attendance on the 56th Brigade Depot, from 1st to 4th December, 1873, both days inclusive; please to give me instructions to get the same. I ap-

proved of five recruits during the period. I expect you will recommend me for Regimental Surgeon's pay, and not private Practitioner (contract rates).

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. M. MACQUIBBAN,

Surgeon, Royal Aberdeenshire Highlanders.

The Principal Medical Officer, &c.,
The Castle, Edinburgh.

PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER'S OFFICE,
EDINBURGH, 19th March, 1874.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 17th instant, regarding payment for the Medical attendance upon the 56th Brigade Depot from the 1st to 4th of December, 1873,

I have the honour to inform you that your claim should be made out on the accompanying W. O. Form, and be submitted to the Officer commanding the Brigade Depot for his Signature, and transmission to the Director-General of the Army Medical Department.

Referring to the latter part of your letter, I beg to inform you that I cannot recommend any measure not sanctioned by Regulations.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. C. ELLIOT,

Deputy Surgeon-General, P. M. O.

C. M. Macquibban, Esq., Surgeon,
248 Union Street, Aberdeen.

56TH BRIGADE DEPOT AT ABERDEEN.

To SURGEON MACQUIBBAN, OF ROYAL ABERDEENSHIRE HIGHLANDERS,
For Medicines and Attendance, as expressed in the following Return :—

PERIOD OF ATTENDANCE.		NUMBER OF		STRENGTH OF THE DETACHMENT.					Rate for each person per 4 days.	AMOUNT		
From	To	Weeks.	Days.	Officers.	Men.	Women	Childn. under 14 years.	TOTAL.		£	S.	D.
1st December, 1873.	4th December, 1873.	0	4	12	153	33	72	270	50 at 1½d	0	3	6
									220 at 1d	0	10	4
TOTAL,										£	13	10

I certify that the number of persons, and the period of attendance above stated, are correct; that the sick were regularly attended by Surgeon Macquibban, R.A.H.; the necessary Medicines being obtained from Military Chest; and that there was no Military Medical Officer on the spot or within a regular distance; and, further, that each individual included is entitled to Medical Attendance and Medicines at the Public Expense.

F. G. DAWSON,

Colonel Commanding 56th Brigade Depot.

Dated at Aberdeen this 27th day of March, 1874.

Certified on the 10th day of April, 1874.

W. RUTHERFORD,
D. I. G.

For DIRECTOR-GENERAL, ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
LONDON.

*RECEIVED from the.....of the.....Regiment of
.....the Sum of.....in payment of the above
Account.

Dated at.....this.....day of.....18....

* Article 360 of the Pay Warrant of 27th December, 1870, states—When a Detachment of our Army shall be without a Surgeon, or Assistant Surgeon, and not within reach of Military Medical Officer, a Civilian, qualified to practice Medicines and Surgery, may be engaged by the Commanding Officer of the Detachment, at the under-mentioned Weekly Rates for each person belonging to the Detachment, including any other Military parties at the same Station:—

If Medicine supplied. Without Medicine.

For each person from 1 to 50 inclusive,..... 2d. 1½d.

For each person above that number,..... 1½d. 1d.

All Charges for these Allowances are to be settled Quarterly, if the Practitioner shall have the Medical Charge during the whole Quarter, or immediately on the termination of the Service, if during less than a Quarter.

When the payment to a Civilian amounts to Two Pounds, or more, his receipt for the same is required to be given on duly stamped paper.

248 UNION STREET,
ABERDEEN, 6th April, 1874.

SIR,

In compliance with instructions received from the Principal Medical Officer at Edinburgh,

I have the honour to forward the enclosed War Office Form, No. 154, for your approval; and, at the same time, beg that you may be pleased on this occasion to recommend me for a higher remuneration than a private Practitioner (contract rates), as per War Office Form 154, considering the various and responsible duties I had to perform, beside being a Surgeon in the Royal Aberdeenshire Highland Militia, when ordered to assume the Medical Charge of the Troops at this Station.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. M. MACQUIBBAN,
Royal Aberdeenshire Highland Militia.

The Director General, &c.,
Army Medical Department, London.

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ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
14th April, 1874.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, dated the 6th inst., requesting to be allowed a higher rate of remuneration for attendance on the Detachment of Troops at Aberdeen than the usual contract rate, I regret to inform you that I am unable to take any steps in furtherance of your wishes, as the regulations of the service provide that in such cases the Officer commanding shall engage a Private Medical Practitioner at the usual contract rate.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. M. MUIR,
Director-General.

C. M. Macquibban, Esq.,
Surgeon, Royal Aberdeenshire Militia,
248 Union Street, Aberdeen.

